Encroachment of Forest Lands by Government Employees in A&N Island

5330. SHRI MONORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of encroachments made by the Government employees/ their family members in the forest lands in the reserved/protected areas in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, category wise and division-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any action against such employees;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The number of cases of encroachments by Government employees/their families in forest lands category-wise and division-wise in A&N Islands are as follows:

Division	*No. of cases*	*Category of Forest*
Middle Andaman	32	Protected Forest
Mayabunder & Diglipur	17	Protected Forest
Baratang	2	Reserve Forest

(b) and (c). Two persons have already ben evicted in Middle Andaman. The cases against the other encroachers are being tried in the court of Estate officers.

(d) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Renewal of Railway Lines in Madhya Pradesh

5331. SHRI BARE LAL JATAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are certain old and dilapidated railway lines in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any scheme for renewal of these lines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise;

(c) and (d). Tracks on various lines are renewed from time to time, on condition basis, and according to the traffic needs.

(e) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Hike in Prices of Surgical Instruments

5332. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steep hike in the prices of surgical instruments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). There has been an increase in the prices of indigenously manufactured surgical instruments due to general inflation. The prices of imported surgical instruments have increased more due to devaluation of the rupee.

Extension of Local Trains beyond Virar

5333. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the local train service beyond Virar on the Western Railway;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the total number of (EMU Rakes A/C D/C) manufactured in the country and the number of rakes made available to the Western Railway; and

(d) the number the rakes required for extension of local service beyond Virar: and

(e) the details of the plan prepared by the Western Railway to procure sufficient rakes for the extension of local service there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e). Survey or introduction of EMU type of rolling stock on Virar-Vadodara-Ahmedabad section has already been taken up. Decision on introduction of such EMU services beyond Virar would be taken, taking into account the results of survey, technical feasibility, availability of resources and EMU stock etc. Number of rakes required would be assessed on completion of the survey.

No AC/DC EMU rakes are manufactured in the country.

[*Translation*]

Godown of F.C.I in Jaynagar

5334. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of fOOD be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 14 on February 25, 1992 and state:

(a) the distance between the godown of the Food Corporation of the India and the railway line in Jaynagar; and

(b) the details of per ton expenditure on transportation from Jaynagar godown to railway station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Hoarding of Foodgrains

5335. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued instructions to State Government in regard to hoarding of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States which have imposed ceil-